

# **Preferred Drug List - Mental Health Workgroup Meeting**

**July 23, 2004, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

ROOM C209A, Cogswell Building

Welcome

House Keeping (Duane)

- ✓ Restrooms
- ✓ Vending Machines

Workgroup Introductions (All members)

Description of PDL Process (Bruce)

DUR / Formulary Overview (Mark)

Department View / CMS View (Chuck)

Committee Concerns (All members)

- ✓ List of Concerns
- ✓ Determine which items the committee will undertake

Rough Work Plan

Agree on next steps

Schedule Future Meetings (approximately every 3 weeks)

## Mental Health / Preferred Drug List Ground Rules

The workgroup was formed to address the concerns raised by the Preferred Drug List (PDL) rule proposed by the Department. The workgroup's primary purpose is to work with the Department and provide advice to address the concerns of the mental health community regarding the implementation and effect of the PDL.

Due to the rule comments, the Department has decided to not implement any mental health drug classes until this group has had an opportunity to meet and discuss the concerns raised through the rule making process. The period for the workgroup to devise a recommendation to the Department is by December 2004. While this group will have significant input into the PDL implementation of mental health drug classes, the final decision making authority will rest with the Department.

The public is welcome to attend board meetings, in order to proceed in a timely manner, only workgroup participants are able to participate in the discussion. Other meeting attendees may be asked to speak, but it is at the discretion of the group. We are anticipating this workgroup will be in place until December and will be meeting approximately every 3 weeks to address the concerns presented through the rule making process.

The Workgroup will be addressing the following issues:

- Allow patients to continue on current drug regimen (grandfathering)
- Appeals process
- Off-label usage
- Other cost management strategies such as algorithm projects
- Other Issues ??